IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all claims under examination is submitted, and the status of each is identified. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

- 1. (previously presented): A composition comprising components (A) to (C)
 - (A) 5 to 89 wt % of polyvinyl butyral (PVB),
 - (B) 1 to 20 wt % of styrene maleic imide (SMI) and
 - (C) 5 to 50 wt % of ethylene acrylate,

and optionally one or several of components selected from the group consisting of (D) to (H), in the following amounts by dry weight (wt)

- (D) 0 to 20 wt % of water-soluble component, preferably polyvinyl alcohol or starch,
- (E) 0 to 7 wt % of wax,
- (F) 0 to 6 wt % of styrene maleic anhydride copolymer (SMA) or salt thereof,
- (G) 0 to 70 wt % of synthetic binder, preferably styrene butadiene (SB) latex and
- (H) 0 to 70 wt % of mineral, preferably kaolin or talc.
- 2. (original): Composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of component (A) is between 40 and 70 wt %.
- 3. (previously presented): Composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of component (B) is between 5 and 15 wt %.
- 4. (previously presented): Composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of component (C) is between 10 and 30 wt %.
- 5. (previously presented): Composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of component (F) is between 0.1 and 4 wt %.
- 6. (previously presented): An aqueous emulsion or dispersion comprising the composition according to claim 1.

- 7. (original): Aqueous emulsion or dispersion according to claim 6, wherein the solid content is from 30 to 65 %.
- 8. (previously presented): Paper, paperboard or cardboard coated on at least one surface with the composition according to claim 1.
- 9. (previously presented): Paper, paperboard or cardboard according to claim 8, wherein the amount of the composition is from 0.5 to 25 g/m².
- 10. (previously presented): Paper, paperboard or cardboard according to claim 9, wherein the amount of the composition is from 5 to 15 g/m2.
- 11. (previously presented): composition according to claim 2, wherein the amount of component (B) is between 5 and 15 wt %.
- 12. (previously presented): Composition according to claim 2, wherein the amount of component (C) is between 10 and 30 wt %.
- 13. (previously presented): Composition according to claim 3, wherein the amount of component (C) is between 10 and 30 wt %.